

CARPENTER LEAVING FOR SWITZERLAND FESTIVAL

David E. Carpenter will be leaving on August 18 for the Internatl. Festival of Youth Orchestras to be held at St. Moritz, Switzerland. He will be serving as manager and assistant to the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, a position he has held for the past 2 years. The festival will bring the most outstanding youth orchestras from throughout the world together to perform under some of the world's greatest conductors, including Leopold Stokowski and Walter Susskind. A special concert in Geneva on September 1 has also been scheduled for the Boston Youth Symphony.

In September, David will begin his sr. year at Boston U where he is majoring in music education. He has been elected president of the sr. class and the music division at B.U., as well as pres. of the school's chapter of the Music Educator's Natl. Conference, which he served last year as treasurer and B.U. Eastern Representative. He is a member and past 2 term treasurer of Delta Omicron Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Natl. Music Frat., and will serve on the exec. committee of this organization during the coming year. He is also a member of the B.U. Band, Savoyard Production Club, and was selected as a candidate for President's Hosts at B.U.

This summer David has served as orchestra conductor for the West Hartford, Conn., Y.W.C.A. production of "Oliver" as well as teaching on the staff of the Agawam Summer Band Program. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Carpenter of 126 Florida Dr.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL ANNUAL PICNIC & GAME

Mrs. Wylie Brame, organizer and director of the Agawam Girls' Inter-Church Softball League, said today that it will close its 8th season on Aug. 9 at St. John's Field, Leonard St., with the annual picnic at noon and the traditional softball games starting at 2 p.m. Allstars of the Jr. Division will play Springfield and the Sr. Division will play Southwick. The public is invited to attend.

All players and substitutes from the 5 participating churches comprising 8 teams will be present with the families of managers, coaches, scorekeepers, religious advisors and others who have assisted in league activities. There will be dancing in the pavilion in the evening.

The following girls will represent the various churches in the allstar game in the Jr. Division: Debbie Pilegi, Ann Osolinski, Carole Kane, Lori Raschi, St. Anthony's Church; Marsha Atwater, Pat Lidel, Agawam Congregational; Mora Cockoros, Sheryl Hadden, April Hill, F.H. Cong.; Holly Garvey, Brenda Devine, Lisa Tromboli, Donna Bailey, Jane Benerakas, Kathy Neimic, St. John's Church.

Sr. Division representatives are: Tony Venonesi, Laura Wylie, Diana Cross, Cindy Ekstedt, Debbie Feykenkevez, F.H. Cong.; St. Theresa's Lauren Roberts; Claire Cataldi, Janice Johnson, Janet Dalmoulin, Ann Ryan, Kathy Crane, St. John's Church.

Plans are being formulated to enter a team of 20 girls from the Sr. Division in the Springfield League next year. Try-outs will be held in the spring.

Mrs. Brame wishes to thank all those who officiated during the league season, the merchants who are contributing food and supplies, and also many thanks to Thomas Danford for preparing the schedule and to Robert Herzog for printing it. A new backstop was installed through the generosity of Vincent and Frank Caroleo, Charles Calabrese and Dick Langone.

According to the Mass. Audubon Society, a catastrophe is likely to occur when a population lives up to the limit of its means of subsistence.

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Regressive, Not Progressive

As I stated in previous articles, I will give the names of those holding political or appointed offices that have contributed greatly to the sad state of affairs the Town of Agawam now finds itself. We have a great deal to say about the lack of action of two members of the board of selectmen.

It was a downright shame to follow these two selectmen since prior to the annual town meeting. Leading up to and including the annual town meeting, leading up to and including the special town meeting these two so-called leaders deserted their responsibilities when they were, by their actions, negative on issues that could save the overburdened taxpayers many dollars.

It is their duty to steer the "ship of town" in a manner as to avoid any imbalance in the tax structure. It is their duty to know in what direction the town is heading and so inform the townspeople. They must take the proper action to avoid any serious imbalances that may take place. They are the captains, they must anticipate and initiate action to forestall any upward spiral of the tax dollar. It is their duty to create and project programs for the future, anticipate the needs of the town for the present and future, and do what is necessary to not let things get out of hand.

They, in their tenure of office, did not lift a finger toward initiating programs that should bear tax fruit. After review of their terms in office, no action has been taken to create income to hold the line on taxes. Their actions as displayed on town meeting floor were totally negative and regressive rather than positive and progressive. The town meeting members who recognized their (the selectmen's) negative approach to issues took the initiative in their own hands and voted to attempt the saving of millions of dollars over the next few years.

They would have you believe that nothing can be done toward lowering taxes. This is not true. The selectmen were attempting to build monuments for the public officials with your tax dollars at a time when we can ill afford them. They even opposed the study of the "Moreno Plan" which at this point is guaranteed to save millions. Had it not been for the town meeting members who did their thinking for the selectmen, the town would have been saddled with millions of extra dollars of expenditures. It is the intrinsic desire and will of the people that prevails when public officials become lackadaisical about their duties. That time has come! The people will be served.

WEST SIDE SHOWER OF STARS

Remember the good old days when amateur acts were in their glory and troupes of hopefuls would come to Spfld. to play at the Capitol, or up to Holyoke, a night at the Opera House?

Well, these days will return for one evening at least when Horace C. Pagella puts on a 25 act variety show in the E.S. Coliseum, Sun. eve., Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The show is the climax to the summer program of concerts and entertainment sponsored jointly by the town's Parks and Recreation Dept. and the W.S. Rotary Club.

There will be comedy groups, singing groups, a baton twirler extraordinaire, who has won 1200 trophies, dancing, animal acts, magic, and bird acts.

Amateur? Sure. But also the kind of show where a mistake can be allowed by a mile-wide grin and special gift that is found only in show biz, not only in a live show.

The lights dim on this journey to the land of Major Bowles at 7:30 p.m. The admission, best news of all, is free.

The 1968 presentation at the Coliseum broke attendance records when more than 5000 persons enjoyed the sparkling event and was enthusiastically received by young and old alike.

If wrinkles must be written upon our house, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.

Agawam Garden Club

The August meeting of the Agawam Garden Club will be held at the Cpt. Charles Leonard House on the 12th at 7:45 p.m. The meeting will be in the form of a flower show for all members and/or guests. Entries should include:

1. Vegetables and/or fruits, either as arrangements or as specimens.
2. Horticulture specimens of flowers (3-5 stems each).
3. House plants.
4. Floral arrangements as follows: in miniature containers; in unusual containers; wildflowers; garden flowers; dried materials.

Judging will be by popular vote, merit being given to the largest blooms, the smallest blooms, the most unusual house plants, the most artistic arrangements, etc. All members are urged to participate. Mrs. Donald George, president, will conduct the business meeting and refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

DEAN'S LIST

Among the students from the Agawam area on the AIC Dean's List are: David P. English of 42 Roberta Cir., Gail A. Snow of 737 River Rd., and Mrs. Charlene D. Mazer of 275 Regency Park Dr.

The home is a lucrative target for the burglar. Stolen property value in each home burglary averages \$263, compared to \$227 taken in the average commercial theft.

SUMMER CAMPING FOR PATIENTS

"Dear Folks:

"We arrived to find our cabin and make up our beds. I enjoyed going to the washroom because it was outside, which was a new experience for me ...

"The crafts teacher is showing me how to make a grass skirt for our talent show ...

"On Thursday, I went into the lake and played water polo. We had French toast for breakfast. I went fishing and caught a fish ...

"The food was good. I like my bunkmates ...

"On our last day in camp we sat around the campfire talking, singing, and telling everyone how much we enjoyed ourselves ..."

Do these quotes read like letters your children send home from summer camp? Well, they're not. They were written by a group of chronic mental patients from the Boston State Hospital after a pilot project there in 1966 took them into the woods for their first 10-day summer camping vacation.

"The results were so rewarding that summer camping has become a scheduled activity for patients at Boston State Hospital," according to Mrs. Mary Remar, director of volunteer services in the Dept. of Mental Health.

"Our objective now, and we are working hard at it, is to develop a departmental camping program for patients in all of our mental hospitals," she said. Camping for chronic patients isn't an entirely new idea, she readily points out. Several enthusiastic articles on "tent treatment" already have been written. As far back as 1900, one of them described camping as a "highly effective method of improving mental and physical health in a wide range of patients, including the tubercular, demented, the filthy, and the convalescent by housing them in fresh air where they were surrounded by abundant shade and were constantly swept by breezes."

But present day authorities think the effectiveness of "tent treatment" probably had less to do with the abundant shade and breezes and more to do with the fact that it was a chance discovery of just how effective treatment can be in small groups in a therapeutic environment. Despite the discovery, camping down through the decades fell into disuse. Then, in 1961, Monson State Hospital, a facility for epileptics in the mental health dept., started the first camping program for its residents.

A few years later in 1966, the super't. at Boston State Hospital and his staff decided to conduct the first summer camp for mentally ill patients. He is Milton Greenblatt, M.D., now the commissioner of the Dept. of Mental Health. "It was difficult to get started," said Mrs. Remar, who began her work at Boston State Hospital in 1965 as supervisor of volunteer services.

"With staff help, nevertheless, we located a site at Camp Denison on Lake Balpatie in Georgetown, Mass., ran a dance at a local country club to raise funds, selected 27 men and women patient-campers, and recruited a staff of camp-counselors, most of whom were volunteers." She recalls that, except for the social workers and nursing personnell, the camp staff comprised housewives, college students, high school seniors, and even two Vista volunteers. "All they had in common was camping experience, an interest in group work, and at least a year of volunteering with the patients at Boston State Hospital," she said. "It was an exciting experience for all concerned." But Boston State Hospital is not the only Mass. facility for the mentally ill to appreciate the therapeutic benefits of camping. At present summer camps, besides Boston State, are in operation for patients of Gardner State Hospital, Metropolitan and Danvers State Hospitals, the Hathorne State School for Retarded Children, and Monson State Hospital, which sends its vacationers to Camp Woodman in the Brimfield State

Forest.

Mrs. Remar attributes much of the growing success of camping for the mentally ill and retarded to the fact that "it takes patients out of the hospital routine and gives them unaccustomed responsibility. There's a work roster and everybody has KP duty," she explains. "We're no longer staff and patients. We're campers and counselors." In order to establish summer camping as a permanent part of hospital therapy for chronic mental patients, Mrs. Remar and a camp committee are combing the state for available campsites. They must determine guidelines for the selection of patients who will benefit the most from a camping vacation. They must determine the best way for each of the state institutions to participate in the program. "And, of course, not of least importance, they must find financial backing," Mrs. Remar asserted. Many problems remain to be solved, she said. But whatever the solutions, and wherever camps may be established, one fact remains. When patient-campers and their counselors set out for the woods, their friends and well-wishers will wave and call out to them: "Goodbye! Have a good time. And don't forget to write."

Mirolli joins WWLP staff

Orlando M. "Lon" Mirolli of 209 Cooper St., eight-year veteran in television production, has joined the sales staff of WWLP-Channel 22, as account executive and production consultant for local advertisers.

Lon is a native of West Springfield and a graduate of Springfield's Cathedral High School. He attended Northeast Broadcasting School in Boston, and in 1961 joined the production staff of WHDH-TV in Boston.

He returned to Springfield in 1963 as a director at WWLP. His assignments have included all types of studio programs, remotes and commercial tapings. He was named Assistant Program Manager in 1967.

In his new position he will be available to work with all local WWLP clients in the creation of new television commercials.

He lives in Agawam with his wife, the former Bonnie Rae Fisk and their two children.

CARDONE MADE VP AT VALLEY BANK

John J. Cardone has been appointed to the position of assistant V.P. at Valley Bank and Trust Company, according to William A. Lieson, bank president.

Cardone, a native of Springfield, joined Valley Bank in 1955 and presently serves as manager of the bank's main office. A graduate of Agawam High School, he is enrolled at A.I.C., where he is a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society. Cardone graduated from Williams College School of Banking and has taken courses sponsored by the American Institute of Banking.

A precinct secretary and member of the Agawam Town Meeting, Cardone lives with his wife and three children at 103 Raymond Circle.

TODAY'S AGRI-FACT

Refrigeration is not the only way to prevent fruit from decaying. Scientists have developed techniques of using heat to prevent decay. These methods are being used with familiar fruits like peaches and exotic fruits like papayas. If just the right amount of heat is used, the fungi and bacteria which cause decay can be killed without affecting the appearance, flavor and ripening.

The raccoon was called by the Algonquin Indians, arakun, meaning "he who scratches with his hands", the MASS. AUDUBON SOC. tells us.

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Mass. Audubon Society

BRAIN TO BRAWN

Maybe we can learn something from the mistakes of the dinosaurs, says Dr. George Wald, professor of biology at Harvard University and Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Physiology. At a University of Chicago conference on "The Social Control of Science and its Applications," Dr. Wald had some wise analogies to make between man and the dinosaur. His talk was condensed in the May issue of the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists."

"They looked pretty good, those dinosaurs," Dr. Wald said. "They were big, powerful. They were well-armed. Some of them had horns. Some of them had very big teeth. They were well-protected. They had thick skins, and some of them had armor plate. They looked pretty fine. And they were lords of the earth. It was the age of the dinosaurs."

"But back in the woods, hiding in the corners, there were little, naked, tender, defenseless creatures. The first mammals. Those things didn't have anything else, very much. But they did have one thing, rather large brains for their size. A dinosaur has an awfully small brain. The proportion of brain to brawn in a dinosaur is very, very low. The mammals were doing better, in that regard. And after a while, the age of reptiles gave way to the age of mammals. And there were no more dinosaurs."

"Those mammals flourished on the earth, and about two million years ago, they gave rise to men. A man is a beautiful thing. And he's got that big, beautiful brain. But put him in a car. And now the proportion of brain to brawn has gone down a lot."

"And while we weren't watching,

we've become dinosaurs again. There's just that brain that was beautiful and adequate for the naked man, but no more brain than that, and look at all the power. We've become dinosaurs again; the proportion of brain to brawn is going down with explosive speed. And this time, we have competitors to do it better. No, this time, it's going to be a do-it-yourself extinction. And, we've got power enough to drag all the rest of life along with us."

"There's another thing about mammals. Mammals brought a new thing into life — infinitely precious, means everything to us — mammals take care of their young. The dinosaur just laid its egg out of doors and went away and left it. And I think that's where we're failing. I don't think we're taking very good care of our young."

So Dr. Wald proposes that for the preservation of this mammal, man, we ask ourselves — what's good for children? More cars on the road? Supersonic transports? A big army? Or good schools? Good food? Clean air? Pure water? "Decent housing, open spaces, grass — who can eat grass? — trees, running streams, are they good for children?"

"A better world for fewer children" is Dr. Wald's slogan. He says, "We need to have fewer children. But not to cut down their numbers with war, famine, poverty, disease, turn loose the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse on them. We can do better than that."

To keep man from extinction, Dr. Wald says we should act like mammals, not like dinosaurs, and take better care of our young. "When we have made a better world for children, we will have the best world for grownups, too."

Racing at Stafford Springs

It's definitely the year of the "point chasers" in NASCAR modified racing. Few can remember a closer battle for national supremacy.

Over the past 3 years, the natl. champion has compiled a good share of his points at Stafford Speedway. The present campaign appears to be following suit.

The modifieds will go 50 laps at SSS this Friday night, August 8, and at least 4 natl. contenders are expected to be taking the green flag.

Currently, the hottest driver in NASCAR's N.E. ranks, Bugsy Stevens, the defending natl. champ from Rehoboth, Mass., has to rate the favorite. Stevens, the point leader at Stafford, has already won 5 features on the half-mile.

The present leader, Jerry Cook of Rome, N.Y., has been a steady visitor at Stafford, seeking those all important points. Last year's runner up nationally, Fred DeSarro of Bradford, R.I., and Bobby Santos of Millis, Mass., are both Stafford regulars that are challenging for the natl. title.

Both Santos and DeSarro have won

drivers have taken checkered flags.

The competition has also carried over to the late models as well. Crowded into the first 5 spots in the points race, all with feature wins, are defending champ Mike Terrio, Jim McCallum, Dennis Ryan, Ken Phinney, and Bryan Jewell.

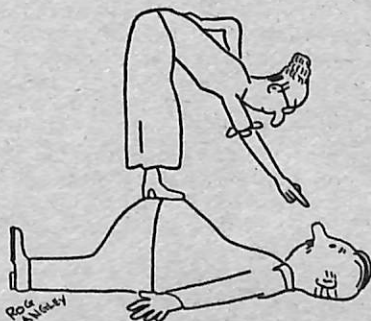
Friday night's race is part of the greatest month in Stafford history. Still to come are the NEMA-ARDC midgets next week (Aug. 15), the USAC sprint cars (Aug. 22), and the NASCAR Grand Touring cars (Aug. 29).

A number of Stafford drivers appear ready to break into the victory bracket this season. Ed Flemke of Southington, Ct., one of the all-time greats on the asphalt, Bill Slater, running 4th in points and set with a new engine, Gene Bergin of Manchester, Ct., Sal Dee, Smokey Boutwell, one of the most consistent of Stafford drivers, are all capable of pulling off an upset.

In addition to Stevens, DeSarro and Santos, Ray Miller of East Granby, Ct., and Charlie Jarzombek of Calverton, L.I., have won at Stafford.



Hugh Lofting, creator of Dr. Dolittle, first wrote about the doctor in letters to his children during World War I, when he was in the British Army.



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CAREERS OPEN IN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

A new regional technical program to meet the growing demand for trained operators for wastewater treatment plants is scheduled to open this fall at the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute (SMVTI) in South Portland, Maine.

The new school has been advocated by water pollution control experts for years and is seen as an extremely important contribution to water pollution abatement in the N.E. area. More than 1,500 job openings for qualified wastewater treatment plant operators are projected within the next 10 years if construction progresses according to plans already submitted to the federal officials by N.E. state pollution control engineers.

Announcement of the new regional training program which will be known as the New England Regional Wastewater Institute was made by Alfred E. Peloquin, exec. sec. of the N.E. Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), sponsors of the project. Peloquin said the first classes would begin this September.

The training and upgrading program will lead to certification of plant operators which have been in short supply, for years an industry problem. Certification is now mandatory in 3 N.E. states and is under active consideration in one other. Two other states recognize voluntary certification now.

As municipalities and industry now recognize water pollution control obligations, a continuous supply of trained men will be required to keep pace with the demand created as new plants are constructed and ready for operation.

Peloquin said that within the next 10 years, more than 600 wastewater treatment facilities in N.E. will be expanded or newly constructed, creating an unprecedented demand for certified operators. These treatment plants run from one man operations such as is under construction in Weston, Mass. to serve jr. and sr. high schools, to the mammoth, multi-million dollar Mattabasset plant in Cromwell, Conn. This new Conn. facility recently became operational and has an authorized staff of 22, which includes operators, technicians, administrative and unskilled personnel.

Peloquin also said, "There's even more at stake when communities realize the tremendous investment they have in water pollution treatment equipment. Trained men are needed now, not only for new plants but for existing plants as well. Experts in pollution abatement programs feel

strongly that a great improvement can be made in our water if plants are operated by trained personnel. Moreover, the entire industry would feel relieved if qualified operators were running treatment plants."

He pointed out that new technology in wastewater treatment has created new demands on the men in this field the required knowledge and skills are much greater than just a few short years ago.

Peloquin also emphasized that as training and numbers of certified operators increase, so will operator wages, long at the bottom of the municipal wage scales. "As population increases and society's technology advances, more and more pollutants are being dumped into our streams and sewage systems. We are treating more and more complex wastes as a result of both domestic and industrial pollution, and we will have to treat 100% of the waste, 100% of the time. To achieve this level of treatment we must design larger and more complex treatment plants, and this is the reason for the imperative need for trained technicians."

The new regional training program offers more than 1,000 hours of instruction over 2 semesters in wastewater technology covering all phases of treatment plant design, maintenance and operations. Initiation of the courses, the 2nd only of its kind in the country, has been approved by the State of Maine Board of Ed.

An already-established program of one-week seminars by the Commission at Bradley Palmer State Park in Topshfield, Mass. will be continued for the immediate future. The seminars, held for two years, are designed to upgrade existing wastewater treatment plant employees.

Peloquin said that applicants for the training sessions should have a minimum of high school ed. or the equivalent, possess some mechanical aptitude and have an interest in water and wastewater technology.

Academic and some technical subjects will be covered by the SMVTI staff and wastewater treatment technology courses will be conducted by the NEIWPCC instructors. Extensive use of industry training films, field trips to wastewater treatment plants and lectures by water pollution control experts are planned.

The NEIWPCC is made up of water resources experts from the 6 N.E. states and New York, who work for the abatement of water pollution in rivers and lakes common to 2 or more of the 7 states.

Contact A.E. Peloquin (617) 742-0281.

Consumer news

The consumers of the Commonwealth now have additional consumer rights as the result of the newly revised Mass. Truth-in-Lending law which became effective July 16.

He now has up to midnight of the 3rd business day to cancel any purchase of goods and/or services made as the result of a door-to-door retail installment sales agreement. All he needs to do is to notify the seller in writing at his main office or branch by ordinary mail, telegram or by delivery directly to the seller, but this must be done not later than midnight of the 3rd business day following a purchase under a door-to-door retail installment sales agreement. The consumer now has 2 extra days in which to cancel such a contract as compared to the previous law.

Mr. Dermot P. Shea, exec. sec. of the Consumers' Council, stated: "The new law is broader than the previous law on the right to cancel a retail installment sales agreement. It applies even in cases where substantial performance of goods or services may have been made in connection with such a credit agreement. For example, the Consumers' Council has received numerous complaints regarding the sale of pots and pans being made by door-to-door salesmen on credit. These retail installment sales contracts have ranged from \$300 to \$400. In most cases, part or all of the pots and pans were immediately delivered, thus preventing a cancellation of the credit agreement under the old law. Now, under this new consumer law, the right to cancel has been extended and includes cases where some or all performance of the contract or delivery of goods and/or services has been made. (This provision of the Mass. Truth-in-Lending law is stronger than the federal statute which

is limited to transactions involving security interests in real estate. The Mass. law covers all door-to-door credit sales transactions.)

"This act also revises the Truth-in-Lending statute and makes it compatible with the federal law. The action of the General Court keeps Mass. in the vanguard of all the 50 states in the area of consumer-protection laws. I do not think the public is aware of the magnificent work of the Joint Legislative Committee on Banks and Banking in connection with the credit laws of our state. As a legislative committee, it is without peer in the country in its field. This is all the more remarkable when you consider that this committee has no staff but has to depend on its own resources except what assistance the Consumers' Council and the banking dept. can provide."

The act was sponsored by the Pres. of the Senate, Maurice A. Donahue, Speaker of the House David M. Bartley, Minority Leader of the Senate John F. Parker, Minority Leader of the House Sidney Q. Curtiss, the Consumers' Council, the banking dept. and the atty. general. It was signed into law by Gov. Sargent on July 16, 1969.

Coffee was taken from Ethiopia to Arabia, 500 A.D., where it was first cultivated. Shipments reached Europe in the 1700's; the Dutch introduced it to Ceylon and Java, and a single tree in Amsterdam is the source of most of the coffee trees in this hemisphere, the Mass. Audubon Society says.

Father grumbling to his two youngsters as he reluctantly gets ready for an evening out: "Other kids make their mothers too tired to want to go out. but not you."

the BIG E

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The daily parade at the E.S. Exposition, Sept. 12-21, takes on special significance again this year with the return of the Ferko String Band of Philadelphia.

In announcing that the famous Mummies will descend upon the Big E for the third time in 6 years, G.W. Wynne, executive VP, said, "It is a distinct pleasure for the Exposition to welcome back the Ferko String Band. Thousands of fairgoers thrilled to the colorful costumes and toe-tapping music of this famous group during its past appearances, and it is by popular demand that the Mummies again will have an integral role at the fair."

The Ferko String Band will be entertaining the crowds at the daily parade 9 days of the fair (Sept. 13-21) starting at 4 p.m. In addition, it will perform daily in concert at the Band Shell adjacent to the Court of Honor. The Mummies also will join Anita Bryant, comedian Billy Kelly, the Cowbills and "new youth discovery" singer Louie Roberts in entertaining at the Governors' Command Performance at the Coliseum, Sat. night, Sept. 13.

Organized in 1922 by the late Joe Ferko, the Ferko Mummies have performed and paraded before millions of people from Toronto to Havana. The band was originally formed for the sole purpose of participating in the Phila. Mummies' Parade. But soon requests for outside appearances began arriving. Realizing the increasing costs of costumes, that are purchased new, annually, Ferko would occasionally take his band "on the road."

The band's popularity grew and when the war was over and the Ferko Bandmen returned, their star was rising. They had been regularly copping top prizes in the Mummies Parade, and were now traveling farther and farther.

In 1947, the first Ferko String Band record was released, and almost overnight the favorite "Four Leaf Clover" was on its way to the top of the charts. Many others followed including "Baby Face" and "Ma, She's Makin' Eyes at Me." In 1957, the band hit with "Alabama Jubilee," a record which sold over a million copies.

With the demands of the band ever increasing, a limit had to be put on the number of appearances annually. And so, today, Bill Kurzenberger, the band's business manager, and Dick Vaughan, field representative, carefully select each year the special events at which the band will perform.

The Ferko String Band is a visual delight, since the cost of its costumes annually exceeds \$16,000. And when the downbeat falls and the Mummies start playing old and new favorites, nobody in the audience is prone to leave.



BY JANE ASHLEY

Easy Fruit Glaze

Make a bright fruit glaze for cheese cake, open fruit pies, big and little. Fresh strawberries provide the fruit flavor in this delightful recipe.

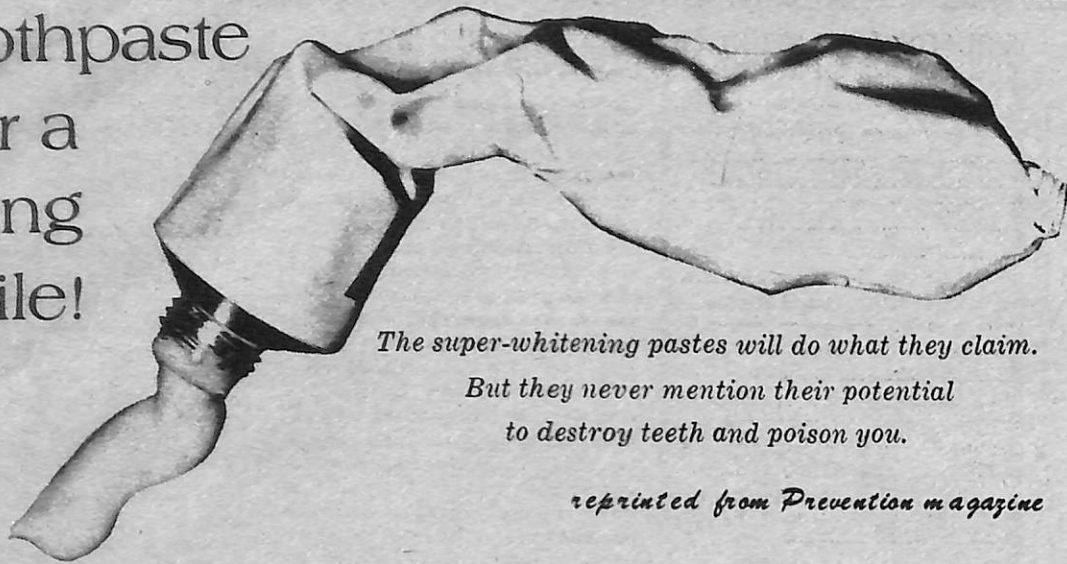
Strawberry Glaze

- 1 pint strawberries
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- Dash salt
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- red food coloring

Crush enough strawberries to make 1/4 cup; leave remainder whole. Mix corn starch and salt in small saucepan. Gradually stir in water and corn syrup. Add crushed berries. Stirring constantly, bring to boil over medium heat and boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Strain. Stir in lemon juice and food coloring. Cool slightly. Arrange whole berries on pies or cake and pour glaze over all. Chill until set.

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The toothpaste you are now using may very well be causing—not preventing—tooth decay.

And it's just possible that, in some rare cases, it may not only be stopping bad breath, but all breath!

The reason you face dangers in toothpastes without the slightest idea that they exist is that the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act protects toothpaste manufacturers—not the public. Toothpaste, you see, is neither a food nor a drug according to FDA interpretation. It is a cosmetic. And manufacturers of cosmetics are allowed to keep their ingredients secret. And they do.

Even dentists have an incredibly difficult time trying to discover what the toothpastes are made of.

Two researchers recently did come up with some facts, however. They discovered that some of the nation's best-selling toothpastes—those which "whiten" or "brighten" the teeth while they clean them—contain a powerful and potentially dangerous abrasive. Among the toothpastes incorporating the abrasive in their formulas are Ultra-Brite, MacLean's, Plus White, Vote, Fact, and others, according to a study conducted at the University of Indiana.

Last summer, Joseph Muhler and George Stookey, both members of Indiana University's Department of Preventive Dentistry, tested the abrasiveness of these toothpastes along with 38 others. They published their findings in the July-August, 1968 issue of the *Journal of Dental Research*.

That report led to a position statement by the American Dental Association in its 1969 edition of *Accepted Dental Remedies*. The statement:

Abrasive Wears Away Enamel

"Depending on the level of abrasive present, its quality, particle size and crystal characteristics, dentifrices can be prepared which may be excessively harsh for regular use by the general public." The statement continues: "Highly abrasive products should not be used regularly by individuals having exposed cementum or dentin, or possibly by individuals with restored tooth surfaces of the softer synthetic materials."

Cementum and dentin are bony structures found beneath the surface enamel of the teeth.

According to Muhler and Stookey, brushing the teeth with abrasive toothpastes will eventually put grooves in them. "The tiny notch-

es" thus created "tend to harbor debris," the researchers wrote. "The teeth that are worn away leave the nerves exposed to pain from heat and cold, a problem that can be severe for some people."

Those who use these toothpastes brush their teeth at least once, and often several times, daily. Yet, dentists have long since considered dental powders, which also contain abrasives, unsuitable for any sort of regular use. If the tooth powders can cause harm because of the abrasives they contain, it's pretty obvious the abrasive toothpastes will produce similar results.

But, granting even the most severe hazards of the abrasives, the worst that can happen is that the user will ultimately end up with that winning smile minus teeth—and presumably, sex appeal. Yet, another ingredient in the new toothpastes—specifically Ultra-Brite and MacLean's—may produce far more severe and damaging effects.

A recent issue of the Federation of Homemakers Newsletter contains this item: "This summer many homes received free samples of Ultra-Brite. One member of my family experienced a very sore, irritated mouth. A letter to Colgate-Palmolive asking what ingredient produced the 'kicky' taste and sensation—also the soreness and irritation—was not answered. A follow-up produced the reply that the company was sorry it could not divulge the formula! I quote, 'The formulas of our products are valuable business assets and we are naturally hesitant to part with them except for the most compelling reason.' No mention at all of the irritation and discomfort sustained by a user!"

And, of course, no law requires that Colgate-Palmolive or any other company reveal the "secret" ingredients in its products.

What is the secret, "kicky" ingredient? Chloroform. According to the Federation of Homemakers Newsletter, the Food and Drug Administration has revealed that chloroform is used at 5 per cent strength in Ultra-Brite and 3 per cent in MacLean's.

Chloroform Cleans—and Kills

Chloroform, once used as an anesthetic, is now utilized as an insecticide, a solvent for fats, oils, rubber alkaloids, waxes and resins. It is a good cleansing agent. It was once used for destroying parasitic worms in the human intestine, but was found unnecessarily toxic and has since been replaced by other substances.

Chloroform is sometimes used in cough syrups in concentrations of about one-third to one-half of one per cent. According to Blakiston's *New Gould Medical Dictionary* (1956), "Excessive oral doses produce unconsciousness and coma, results similar to those of inhalation."

There is no question that chloroform, even in small doses, can be quite hazardous. Goodman and Gilman in their text, *The Pharma-*

cological Basis of Therapeutics, write, "Chloroform, like certain other halogenated hydrocarbons, is capable of causing hepatocellular (liver cell) damage if given in small, repeated doses." (italics added)

T. Sollmann, M.D., warns in *A Manual of Pharmacology* (W. B. Saunders, 1957), "Prolonged administration of chloroform may be followed by fatty degeneration of liver, heart and kidneys leading to profound toxemia."

We are not talking now about a quart, or a cup, or even several tablespoons of chloroform at one time, but minute quantities over a long period of time. Precisely the amount, as a matter of fact, which can be easily ingested daily in tooth brushing.

For, although the idea is to brush the teeth without swallowing the toothpaste, in reality, every brushing involves swallowing at least some of the paste. A significant number of people also use toothpaste as a substitute for mouthwash, mixing it with the saliva in their mouths and gargling. Inevitably, some of the toothpaste is swallowed.

Almost every child has eaten toothpaste as a candy substitute. And the child who has finished off an entire tube of the stuff is not at all rare.

Many questions ought to have been answered before the FDA allowed the use of chloroform in toothpastes, among them:

—Will chloroform affect the fetus when ingested in toothpaste by a pregnant woman?

—How does it react with drugs being taken by the ill?

—Are the effects of chloroform even more debilitating when ingested by young children—precisely those who are urged to brush their teeth frequently and who tend to overuse the toothpaste?

So far, these questions have not been answered. Yet chloroform is being used in some toothpastes. And, most shocking of all, the fact that this toxic chemical is being used is being kept secret from the public!

For several years now, Representative Leonor Sullivan of Missouri has been attempting to have passed a bill (H.R. 1235) which would repair the loopholes in the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. If her bill were to pass, cosmetics would not be in the privileged class in which they now are. All of their ingredients—the useless ones, the hazardous ones and the needed ones—would all be listed. The public itself could then make up its mind what it did and did not want on its head, in its eyes, over its skin and down its throat.

All along, however, Representative Sullivan's bill has had rough going. And no wonder. For she is bucking virtually every lobby in Washington. Her new bill would make things very tough for the three major industries governed by the FDA.

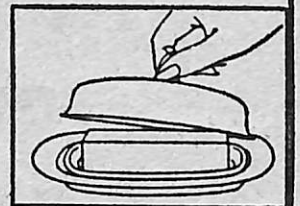
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plugging the loopholes in the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is more than necessary—it is urgent. The lobbies are hard to beat, but concerned citizens bombarding their legislative representatives in Washington with their point of view can do the trick. If you want to be informed on what is in the toothpaste and other cosmetics you use, let your senators and representatives know.

In the meantime, you may want to give serious consideration to the view expressed by English dentist Derrick Oxford in the November 9, 1961 *British Dental Journal*. According to Oxford, tooth brushing does more harm than good. Toothpaste, he said, stimulates the appetite for sweets—which, of course, cause decay.

Oxford said the best way for people to keep their teeth clean is to eat plenty of apples and other raw fruits and vegetables. □



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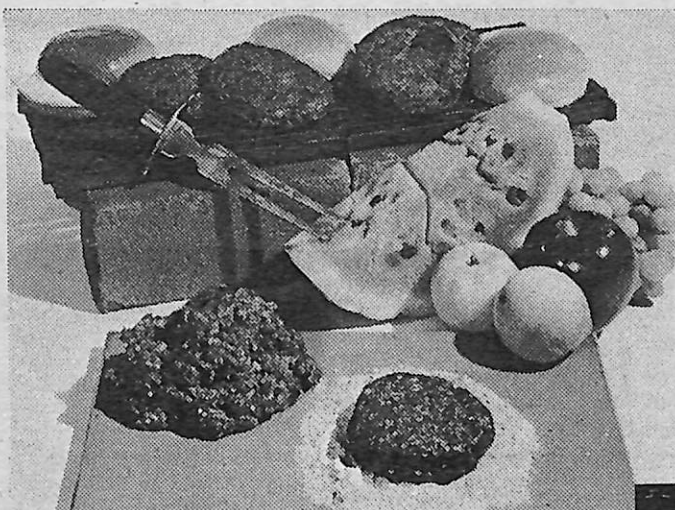


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PRETZEL CRUSTED BURGERS

2 pounds ground lean chuck	1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
2 eggs	1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 small onion, chopped	2 cups finely crushed pretzels
1/2 teaspoon pepper	(use food mill or blender to prepare crumbs)
1 teaspoon salt	

Combine chuck, eggs, onion, pepper salt, garlic powder, tomato sauce and 1 cup of the pretzel crumbs. Mix well and shape into patties about 3/4 inch thick. Roll patties in remaining crumbs. Grill 6 inches above gray coals until brown and crusted on both sides. Serve on toasted hamburger buns with desired condiments.

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AGAWAM EMPLOYER(S) ON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LIST

Attorney General Robert H. Quinn announced today that his office will seek criminal complaints against 20 Bay State employers in the Boston Municipal Court on Thursday, July 31, 1969, charging them with failure to pay unemployment insurance taxes totalling \$43,040.15.

In 26 separate complaints, containing 150 counts, the AG will allege that the firms knowingly failed or refused to pay taxes due under the provisions of the Mass. Employment Security Law.

The criminal charges against these employers stem from an intensive combined investigation conducted by the AG's office and the Division of Employment Security as part of a continuing statewide crackdown on unemployment tax evaders.

According to Quinn, the persons laid off by the employers against whom complaints will be sought, collected unemployment benefits

totalling \$44,750.00, during the period in which their employers failed to pay the tax.

Tax evasion cases are referred to the state's chief legal officer by the DES after regular methods of collecting taxes fail. The continued prosecution of cases wherein employers fail to pay taxes has resulted in the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid taxes to the D. of ES and the Commonwealth.

The communities in which the firms are located are: Roslindale, Reading, Fall River, Springfield, W. Spfld., Holyoke, W. Stockbridge, Woburn, Tewksbury, Southbridge, Dudley, Newton, Weston, Watertown, W. Roxbury, Wellesley, Boston, W. Hatfield, Leeds, Danvers, Peabody, Lynn, Agawam, Suffield, and Dorchester.

The cases have been assigned for prosecution to Asst. Atty. Gen. Joseph S. Ayoub and Hartley C. Cutter.

Well, What Do You Know? fun, games and knowledge



by MARTHA GLAUBER SHAPP, Editor, The New Book of Knowledge

What is sky-diving?

Sky-diving — parachuting from airplanes for fun — is one of the world's fastest-growing and most exciting sports. Although some sports parachuting dates back to the 1930's, sky-diving actually started in the late 1950's, and by the mid-1960's there were many training centers and clubs (including college groups) throughout the United States. The Parachute Club of America has more than 10,000 members and allows persons 16 years and older to jump. (Some sky-divers are in their seventies!)

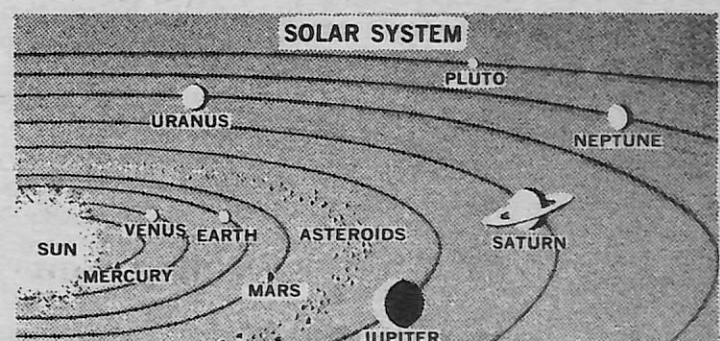
Pre-jump training for sky-divers includes lectures, instruction in jumping and landing techniques, and practice jumps from a platform about 4 feet high. After training, a beginner may make his first real jump, from an altitude of about 2,500 feet. To prevent accidents, beginners' parachutes are opened automatically from the airplane by what is called a "static line." Beginners' sky-diving equipment includes earphones, so they can be instructed by someone on the ground. All sky-divers

wear about 50 pounds of equipment, including the main parachute on their backs, an emergency parachute that fits on the stomach, shock-absorbent jump boots, and a fiber glass helmet.

This increasingly popular sport holds world championship meets every two years, and other competitions also draw big crowds.

Do stars have planets circling them?

Our sun is a star, and nine planets circle it, including Earth. If other stars have planets too, they shine too dimly for anyone to see, even with the most powerful telescopes. Astronomers, however, have studied the motions of several nearby stars carefully. The way the stars move has led the astronomers to say that planets are probably circling a few of those stars. If this is so, it is also probable that many of the stars have planets circling them, even those too far away to observe at all. A small percentage of those planets may resemble the earth.



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